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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL JANUARY 2, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ORTONA REFERRED TO NOTE TRANSMITTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY TO OUR EMBASSY IN ROME IN APRIL 1973 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITALIAN SALE TO LIBYA OF AN ADDITIONAL 150 M-113A1 APC'S. ORTONA NOTED THAT ITALIAN REQUEST HAD BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSED IN ROME IN OCTOBER 1973, WITH EMBASSY IMPLYING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT, WHILE WE HAD REACHED NO REPEAT NO FINAL DECISION ON MATTER, WE WERE UNFAVORABLE TO PROPOSAL. ORTONA WENT ON TO SAY THAT ROME IS NOW WORRIED ABOUT ITS OIL SUPPLY SITUATION AND WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING A QUOTE LAST BATCH UNQUOTE OF 150 APC'S TO LIBYA. SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO REPEAT NO DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO THEIR REQUEST IN ROME, ORTONA SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO RAISE MATTER IN WASHINGTON.

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2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL REPLIED THAT HE WOULD INFORM OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ORTONA'S APPROACH ON THIS MATTER. WHILE WE WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK INTO THE QUESTION, APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST HAS NOT BECOME ANY EASIER IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE

EAST. AMBASSADOR ORTONA SAID HE APPRECIATED THIS POINT, BUT FELT THAT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS SOMEWHAT BETTER IN LIGHT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE. BEYOND ROME'S SPECIFIC CONCERN ABOUT OIL SUPPLY, THE GOI VIEWED THIS MATTER IN THE CONTEXT OF IMPROVING OVERALL RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT, AND SPECIFICALLY IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH LIBYA. RUSH

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